

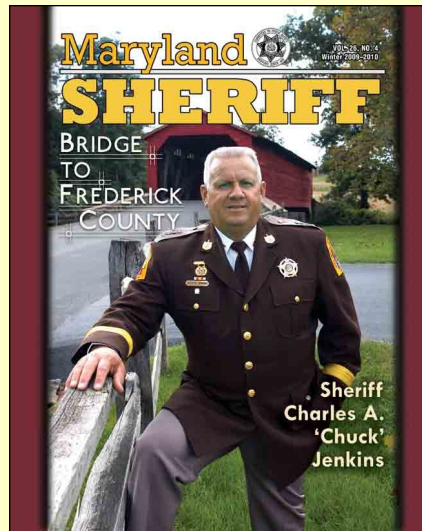
# FCSO COLUMN



## Maryland Sheriff Magazine Features Frederick County Sheriff's Office

Check out the latest edition of the Maryland Sheriff Magazine. The magazine recently featured Sheriff Chuck Jenkins and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in its winter 2009-2010 edition. The 20-page feature piece includes photos and information about the people and programs from both the law enforcement and corrections bureaus that make the agency operate efficiently on a daily basis.

The article provides an overview of the agency, a discussion of the initiatives, successes and challenges faced by Sheriff Jenkins during his first term and an up close look at the men, women and programs of the office. Sheriff Jenkins spotlights some of the programs he is most proud to have implemented such as the 287G program, the Western Maryland Information Center, the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Unit and the Frederick County Bureau of Investigations. The article is available to view on the Frederick County Sheriff's Office website at [www.fcsso-md.org](http://www.fcsso-md.org).



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### FEATURED PHOTOS



## SPECIAL APPRECIATION DAY



Blain Young interviews Sheriff Jenkins

Local citizens and the Blaine Young Show from 930 WFMD hosted a special appreciation rally on November 19th, 2009 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for Sheriff Jenkins and all Frederick County Sheriff's Office personnel. The rally was held to show support and to thank the men and women of the office for the great job that they are doing for the citizens of Frederick County. The event was held at the Barley and Hops Restaurant in Frederick with more than 250 people in attendance.

Numerous personnel who attended commented that this was the first of its kind and that the outpouring of support from the community was greatly appreciated. Several local media representatives were also in attendance.



Frederick News Post reporter Nick Stern interviews Sgt. Mark Landahl



Members of the Corrections Bureau



Lt. Steve Snow, Dfc. Roger Venzin,  
Lt. Gordon Geesey

## CORRECTIONS BUREAU GRADUATION

On November 18th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Training Section hosted graduation exercises for the 32nd class of the Frederick County Criminal Justice Training Academy. The Corrections Bureau graduation ceremony was held at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center, First Floor Conference Rm. The guest speaker was Director Devon Brown with the Dept. of Corrections of Washington D. C.

During the 10-week academy recruits received entry-level correctional officer training. Graduates experienced a variety of instruction to include training in defensive tactics, OC, riot control, and inmate transportation & escort.

### Graduates

Name	Agency
Michael Bird	Frederick County
Howard Burrier	Frederick County
Douglas Crawford	Frederick County
Timothy Cole	Frederick County
Arielle Patton	Frederick County
Adrienne Sheiss	Frederick County
William Murdorf	Frederick County
Glenn Hawkins	Frederick County
Eric Meck	Carroll County
Brian Moore	Carroll County
Robert Eyler	Carroll County
Kevin Schue	Carroll County
Steven Myerly	Carroll County

### GRADUATION CEREMONY PHOTOS





## DEPUTY FIRST CLASS MIKE RATLIFF



On December 1st, 2009, and after 21 years of service, Dfc. Mike Ratliff retired from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Mike started his career on October 4, 1988, attending the Howard County Police academy. After graduation, he was

assigned to court security and then to the civil division where he served court paperwork.

He was later transferred to the patrol unit. During that time, Mike was assigned to the Community Deputy Unit where he served as the Emmitsburg Community Deputy. In 1993 he was trained as an evidence technician and in April 2004, he was permanently assigned to the Property and Evidence Unit where he worked on many of the agency's major cases.

More than 75 people attended Ratliff's retirement party. Dep. Ratliff is 58 years old and resides in Leitersburg with his wife Judy. The members of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office will greatly miss Dfc. Ratliff and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

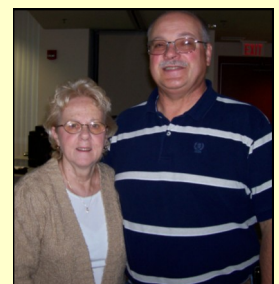


Dfc. Ratliff teaches recruits crime scene techniques

From right to left: Property and Evidence Members, Cpl. Rick Winer, Dfc. Mike Ratliff and Brenda Smith



Photos from Retirement Party



## SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM AND MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS TRAIN TOGETHER

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Frederick County Sheriff Office's Special Services Team with Mount Saint Mary's University's Public Safety Officers and Resident Life staff members took a proactive step to ensure campus security by training together to better prepare for crisis situations. The training included a lecture in crime scene preservation and practical scenarios.

Cpl. Mike Grunwell of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office organized the training to also include active shooter and hostage scenarios and a staged sexual assault crime scene. "If a major incident occurs at the university, its public safety officers will most likely be the first responders on the scene," he said. "This training will better equip them to respond and secure a crime scene until law enforcement arrives. It will also assist deputies in becoming more familiar with the grounds and university personnel." Mount Director of Public Safety Barry Titler added that public safety officers attend training throughout the year and this is not the first time that the agencies have partnered together for training.

CPL. WINER  
LECTURES ON  
CRIME SCENE  
PRESERVATION



STAGED EVIDENCE AT CRIME  
SCENE SCENARIO ↓



↓ SWAT TEAM EVACUATES HOSTAGES  
DURING SCENARIO



HOSTAGE  
SCENARIO IN  
↓ ACTION



↑ RESIDENT LIFE STAFF MEMBERS WATCH AS HOSTAGE SCENARIO UNFOLDS

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**CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL APPRECIATION  
PRESENTED**

Photo below from left to right:  
Mr. George Wunderlich, Cpl. Rick Winer, Sheriff Chuck Jenkins



On October 5th, 2009, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office presented Mr. George Wunderlich, Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (NMCWM), with a Special Appreciation Award to thank the museum for their assistance with a homicide investigation that occurred in 2006.

On May 7, 2006, a shooting was reported as a suicide at 4953 Pintail Court in Frederick. Sheriff's Office personnel who initially responded to the scene felt that something "did not fit" and called out the Crime Scene Unit to process the scene.

The State's Attorney's Office requested that the scene be reconstructed to learn whether or not the victim could have pulled the trigger on the handgun. Metal channel was then bolted to the wooden support frame of the couch. Then an articulating joint used on drum sets was attached to the mounted channel.

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine was contacted in hopes of borrowing a mannequin head for use in the reconstruction. Mr. George Wunderlich met with Cpl Winer, who supervises the Crime Scene Unit. Mr. Wunderlich had a very expensive mannequin head that had been made by the Dorfman Museum Figure Company in Baltimore. Mr. Wunderlich permitted the use of the head, knowing that the head would sustain damage during the reconstruction.

A Special Agent with the ATF assisted in transferring the bullet wounds to the mannequin head. Water based decals were made of the entrance and exit wounds. These decals were then placed in the precise position as the victims wounds. A trajectory rod was placed through the wounds and a model handgun was placed over the rod. Investigators were aware of the trajectory of the projectile as well as the positional rotation of the handgun. These facts led the reconstruction to a very accurate and precise reconstruction of the incident.

The reconstruction was completed and presented to the State's Attorney's Office as well as the defendant's attorney. Soon after, the defendant pled guilty to shooting the victim and was sentenced to a term of fifteen years of incarceration.